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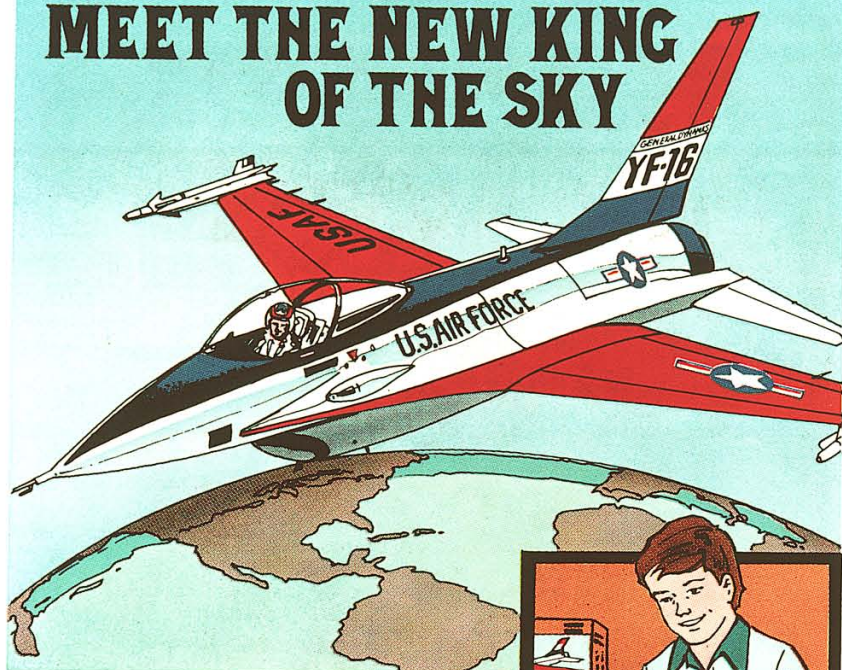


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## THE GHOST THAT HAUNTED OCTOPUS!

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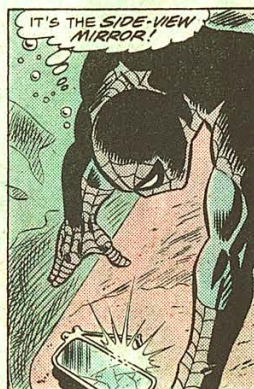
SHOULD'VE KNOWN IN THE END, ALL I'D WIND UP GETTING IS...PNEUMONIA!

\*BACK IN SPIDEY #126--LEN.

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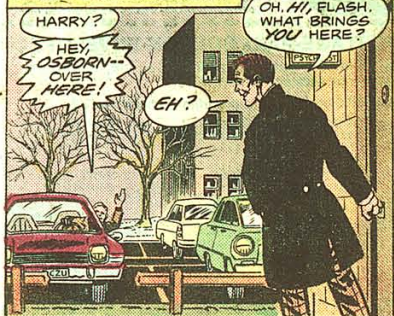
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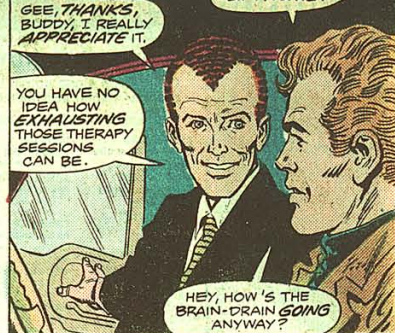
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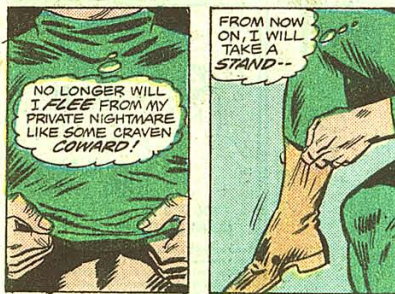
AND SINCE WE'VE ALL SEEN SPIDEY DO HIS WEB-SLINGING NUMBER A TIME OR TWO BEFORE, LET'S SLIDE ON OVER TO MANHATTAN'S UPPER EAST SIDE--AND JOIN TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR SPARKLING CAST...



WELL, I HAD NOTHING ELSE TO DO--SO I FIGURED I'D STOP BY AND SEE IF MY SPANKING-NEW ROOMMATE WANTED A LIFT HOME!



WHILE, IN A PLEASANTLY-DECORATED APARTMENT IN FOREST HILLS...



SHE'S A GOOD WOMAN, THAT MAY PARKER--



AFTER LEAVING HER VIRTUALLY STRANDED AT THE ALTAR ON OUR WEDDING DAY--









ON WHICH NOTE, WE'LL JUMP ABOUT AN HOUR AHEAD--AS A FATEFUL FINGER STABS A CERTAIN DOORBELL--



--AND OUR LITTLE SAGA PREPARES TO SHIFT INTO HIGH GEAR!

WHY, PETER! I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TONIGHT.



--THOUGH I DOUBT IF WE'LL BOTH FIT.

JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN ME IN A TUB OF COLONEL CHICKEN, AUNT MAY--



YOU DO REMEMBER DOCTOR OCTAVIUS, DON'T YOU?

OH, SHAME ON ME, PETER DEAR. I REALLY SHOULD INTRODUCE YOU TO MY GUEST.

EVENING, PARKER. IT'S--ER--NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

YEAH--AH--SURE--SAME HERE.

DOCTOR OCTOPUS--ALIVE?



DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE-- BUT I'M GONNA FIND OUT!

BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO GET AUNT MAY OUT OF HARM'S WAY!

ER--AUNT MAY, IT'S A LITTLE COLD IN HERE. WOULD YOU MIND GETTING ME MY RED SWEATER?

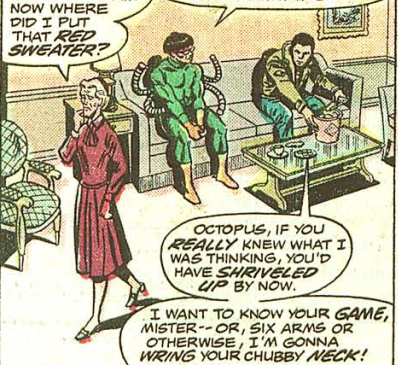
OF COURSE NOT, DEAR. I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO CATCH A CHILL.



YOU TWO ENTERTAIN ONE ANOTHER--AND I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

RED SWEATER... RED SWEATER... NOW WHERE DID I PUT THAT RED SWEATER?

LOOK, PARKER, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING BUT...



OCTOPUS, IF YOU REALLY KNEW WHAT I WAS THINKING, YOU'D HAVE SHRIVELED UP BY NOW.

I WANT TO KNOW YOUR GAME, MISTER--OR, SIX ARMS OR OTHERWISE, I'M GONNA WRING YOUR CHUBBY NECK!



I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR ANGER, MY BOY-- BUT I SWEAR I MEAN YOUR AUNT AND YOU NO HARM!

PLEASE, GIVE ME A PIECE OF THAT CHICKEN-- AND I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.

AS YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW, THE MAN CALLED HAMMERHEAD INTERFERED WITH MY WEDDING TO YOUR AUNT--



--SO I FLED WITH THE DEAR WOMAN TO THE URANIUM-RICH CANADIAN ISLAND SHE HAD INHERITED--

--AND THERE, INSIDE THE ISLAND'S NUCLEAR PROCESSING PLANT, HAMMERHEAD AND I HAD OUR FINAL CONFRONTATION!



HAMMERHEAD! YOU BLUNDERING BUFFOON! ... BE CAREFUL!

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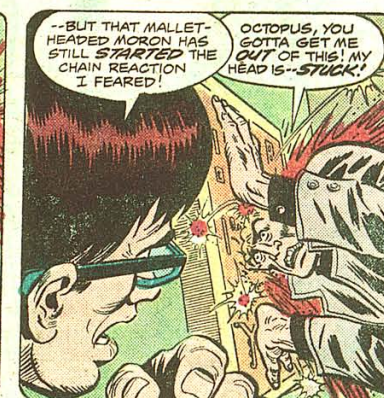
515 WORDS. OCK--BUT THEY DON'T FOOL ME A BIT.

THIS TIME, MISTER, YOU'VE HAD IT!



NO, YOU FOOL! YOU'LL DESTROY US ALL--!

EH? I'M NOT DEAD! THEN THE REACTOR DIDN'T EXPLODE ON IMPACT--



--BUT THAT Mallet-HEADED MORON HAS STILL STARTED THE CHAIN REACTION I FEARED!

OCTOPUS, YOU GOTTA GET ME OUT OF THIS! MY HEAD IS--STUCK!



YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO THIS, HAMMERHEAD-- GET YOURSELF OUT!

IF I STAY TO HELP YOU, WE'LL BOTH DIE!

BLAST YOU, OCTOPUS-- COME BACK HERE!



HAH! I FIGGERED THEY'D HAVE SOME SORT 'A SAFETY SHAFTS' AROUND THIS JOINT IN CASE THAT BREEDER GIZMO EVER WENT HAYWIRE!

I'M HOME FREE!

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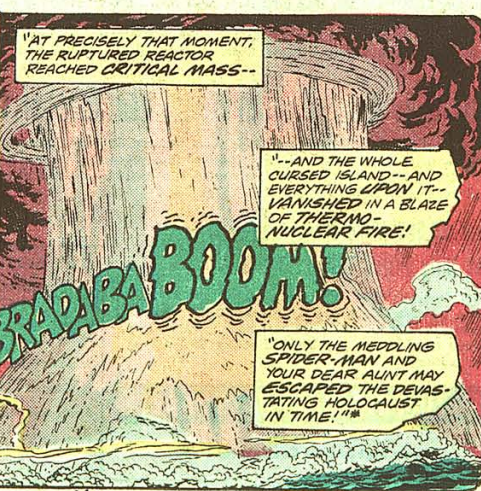
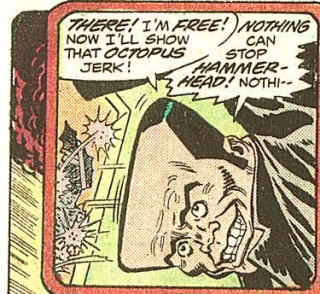
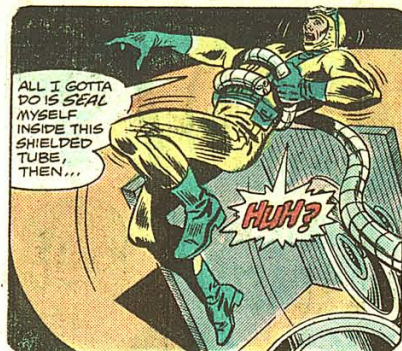
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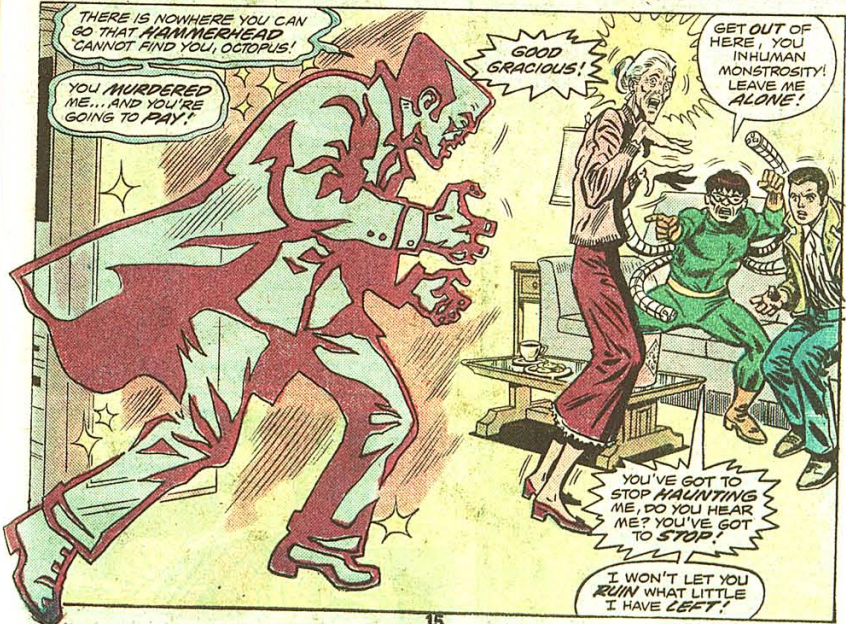
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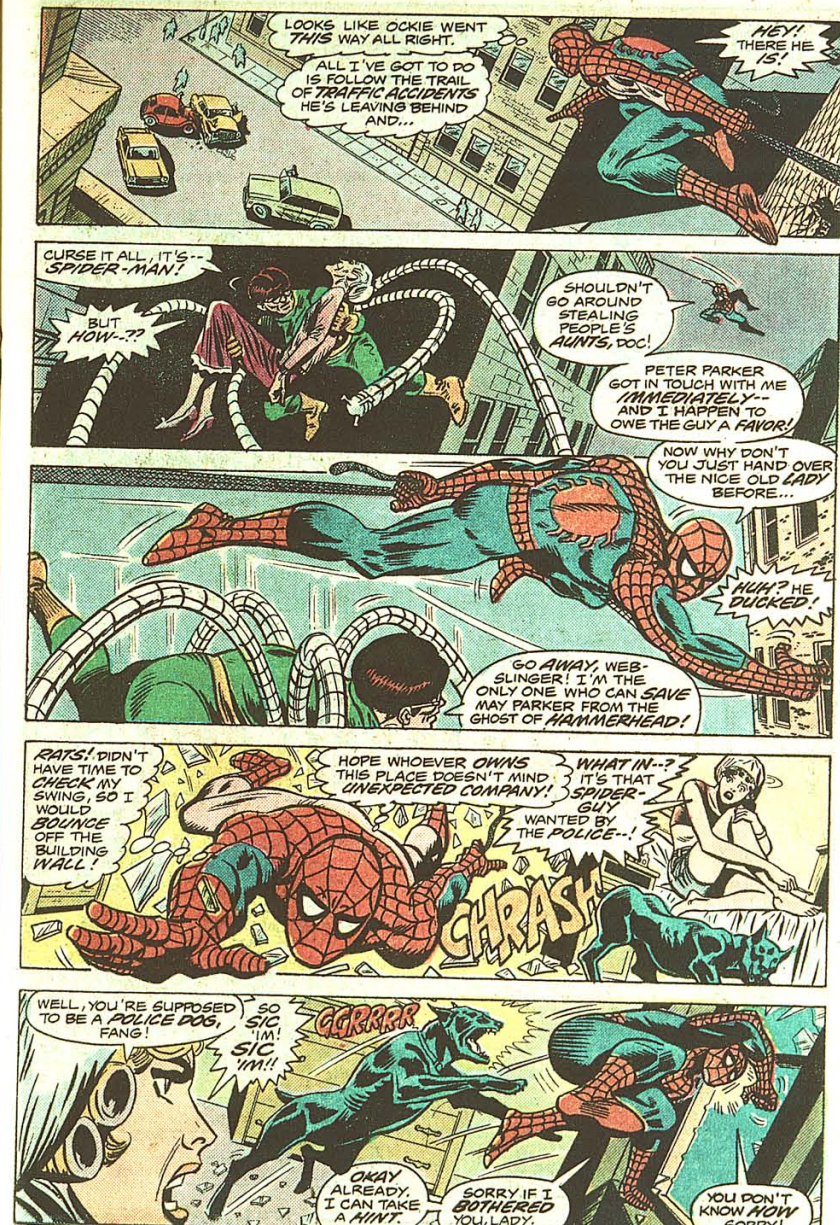
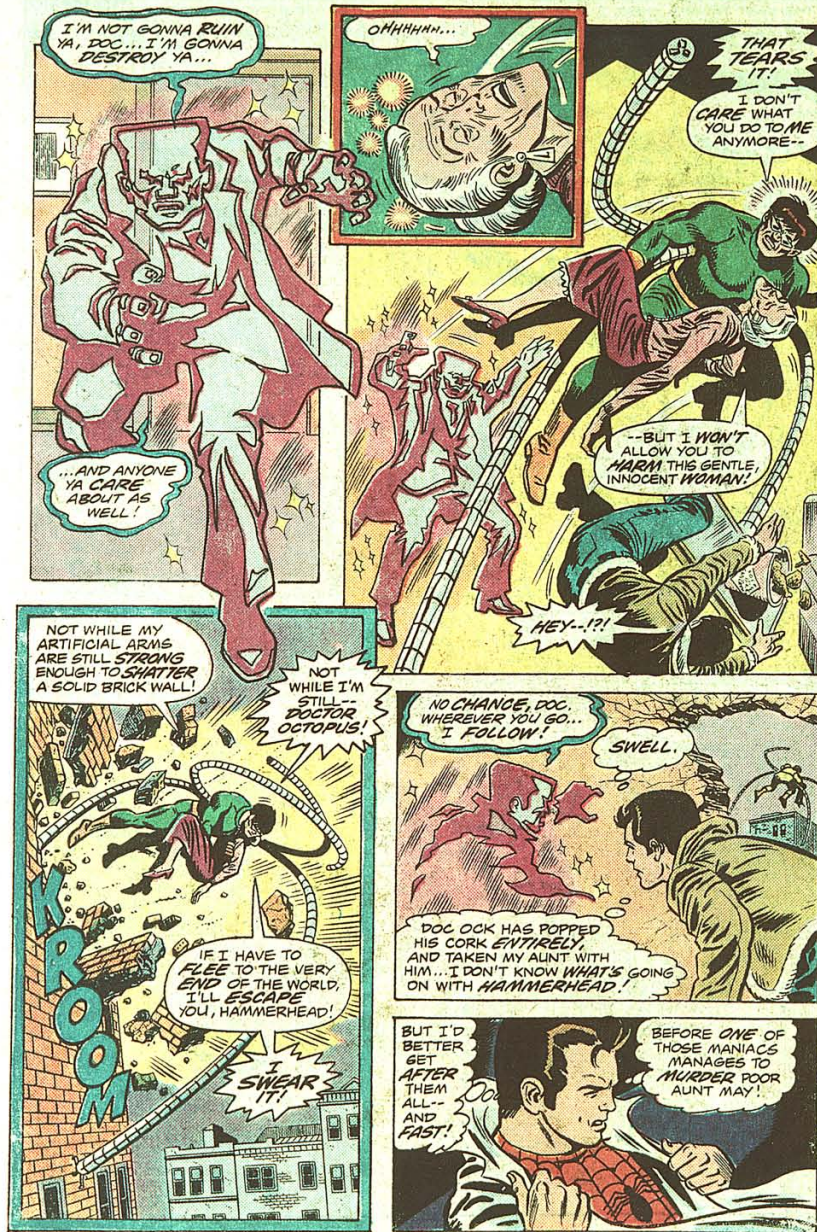




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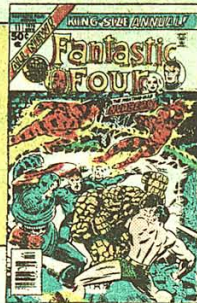








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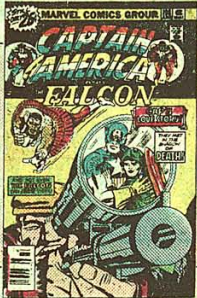
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# THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Dear Len, Ross, and the rest—

Congratulations!!! You finally did it! SPIDER-MAN #153 was the best story since Smiley left the web-head's book, way back when. As a matter of fact, SPIDEY has been sharply increasing in quality, with each issue since #150. This latest was easily the best one-shot story I've read this month. First, a fantastically good cover portraying innocence, aggression, competition, heroism and color. (The taxi-cab sequence reminded me of a vintage FF saga wherein the Thing accidentally demolished an antique car while trying to fix it.) Then, MJ making up with Pete. Far out!

The story was touching and true-to-life, and the comparison between Bolton's running for his daughter and his football game of the past was a stroke of genius! Further, Spidey's changing his mind about the bother of hitting the murderer was also very good and conveyed the perfect feeling. In short, I enjoyed every aspect of this issue, from Ross's intricate detail of the church on page one, to the story's many-twists and ironies. I hope I have conveyed my feelings adequately, because for once Spider-Man has so many good things going for him that I can't name them all.

Thanks again. Touchdown.

Jeff Silva  
Box 36  
Lakeview, WA 98491

Hey, Jeff—the blushin' Bullpen thanks you for the kindly kudos! That issue went over in a big way, and your letter is representative of the majority of mail. In fact, to prove we aren't whistlin' "Dixie" when we say that ish really made a smash, we were unsuspectingly ambling down Manhattan's Seventh Avenue just the other day, when we suddenly came upon a record store window display featuring at least five copies! We don't know what they were doing there, gang—but we ain't about to complain! Not us! In fact, we're waitin' to see what they do when the new Spidey rock album comes out, since they're gonda have to go some to top the display they gave ish #153!!

Dear Gentlemen,

In my humble opinion, SPIDER-MAN #153 was the finest work by Marvel, in terms of emotional impact and character developments, that I have seen in a long time. The idea of using a non-regular character for the story focus was a welcome change of pace. Much is said of superheroes' courage and endurance—but Dr. Bolton proved it is not their exclusive property. For me, the whole story consisted of Bolton's race against death on page 26. I applauded you loudly for the tasteful, low-key epithet by Spider-Man on the last page.

Mark Kreighbaum  
Great Lakes, IL

People,

You guys goofed. On the cover of SPIDER-MAN #153, your goalposts are not consistent with the interior art. As you carefully pointed out in the story, goalposts did once look like the ones on the cover. Now, I know you always have an answer—I just want to hear it.

Mark Scott  
Fridley, MN

With perfect candor and a certain amount of satisfaction, we can say that for once, Mark, we didn't goof. Not at all. Y'see, when Lively Len Wein and Jazzy John Romita got together for a cover conference, they discussed just which depiction of the goalposts they should go with, and after some cogitation they opted to avail themselves of artistic license and use the classical version for easier identification.

There you are, Mark—we may not always have an answer, but we sure did this time!

Dear Marvel,

I have just finished reading Roger Slifer's somewhat wordy "explanation" of your fantastic Jackal series. Now, I really hate to make trouble, but you blew it again! To see what I mean, check out issue #137, page 26, panels 5 & 6. I ask you, gentlemen, just what is Spidey doing? Right on! He's with his spare costume and is taking the cartridges from it (obviously he took them, and probably his costume as well). Yet, Mr. Slifer plainly states that Prof. Warren furnished his clone with them. Case closed. Sentence will now be served: Mr. Slifer and all his Marvel cohorts shall make apologies to all Marvelites and send me one honest-to-gosh no-prize. Marvel Forever!!!

Robert Kaleel  
P.O. Box 723  
Clinton, NC 28328

You assume too much, Bob, old bean. Although Spidey did stop to get some cartridges from his spare costume, it's never stated that he took them all—and since he was on his way to a battle, it would have been pointless to pick up his extra costume at that point. Therefore, the costume in question and at least some webbing cartridges remained behind for the clone to utilize. Fair 'nuff? We're not handing out any no-prizes this month, Bob—Roguish Roger is vindicated!

Dear Guys—and Lady,

SPIDER-MAN #153, was hokey, clichéd, and obviously over-sentimental. It was implausible and extremely overdone.

So why are there tears in my eyes?

There are so many things wrong with this story that I'd normally not even want to know about it. For example, the up and down scene between Peter and M.J. Yeesh. Talk about manufactured problems. You expect us to really believe that? And how about the old *deja vu* trick? Flashbacks Anonymous strikes again.

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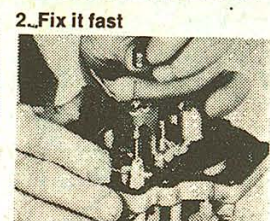
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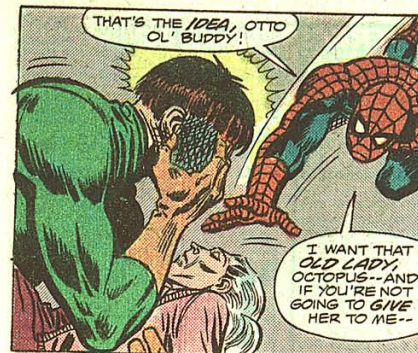
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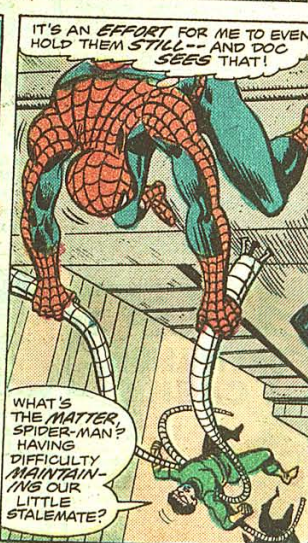


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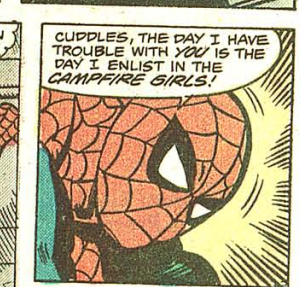
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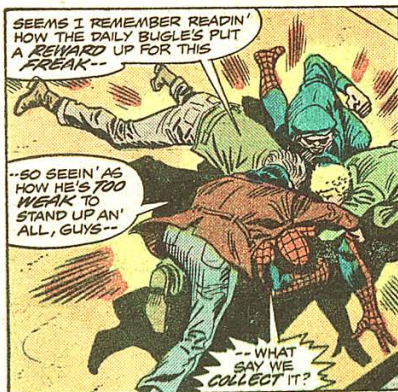
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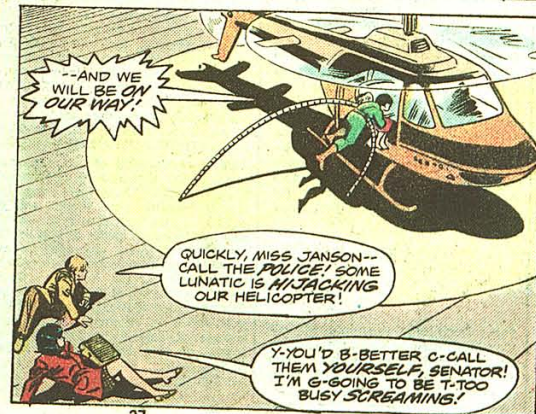
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## STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

A staggering thought just struck me! Somewhere in the riotous ranks of Marveldom Assembled there might be a true believer who hasn't heard about the Marvel phenomenon in jolly ol' England! For instance, didja know we publish seven special weekly comics in Great Britain and they're selling like there's no tomorrow? Didja know that I visited London recently and appeared at the famous Roundhouse Theatre to do a special Marvel show (with Happy Herbie Trimpe, who was living over there at the time), for a sellout, standing-room-only crowd of wildly enthusiastic fans? Didja know that the highly-respected Campbell's SF and Comic Shop in the arty Nottinghill section of London has its main display devoted almost exclusively to our zingy Marvel Mags? Didja know that Paul McCartney's MAGNETO AND THE TITANIUM MAN single is a sensation wherever it's played? And wait'll you hear his new DAREDEVIL disc! Didja know that Paul and Linda, with whom I had the greatest time discussing a new Marvel/McCartney project, wanted me to be sure to give their regards to Marvellites everywhere? (And more about our top-secret, senses-shattering project in a later issue!) I could go on and on, but you get the idea. So remember, whenever you visit our British buddies across the sea, you'll feel right at home—you'll find Marvel Comics wherever you look! (How's that for a comforting thought?!) And now, just another titanic thought before I turn you loose. Because both ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICS and its sentimental sequel, SON OF ORIGINS, have become such dynamite best-sellers, there will definitely be a third volume on sale this fall—it'll feature the cataclysmic birth of our mighty Marvel villains! And wait'll you hear the title! No, let's make a contest out of it. Send in your guesses as to what we'll call our villains' origins book. The winners will each win a giant-size No-Prize—and the losers will, too—'cause I love ya all! So, till Comic Con gets a crew cut, always remember the immortal words of Irving Forbush—Gardez le fo, baby!

Excelsior!

*Stan*

P.S.: Don't forget the mighty Marvel-Con at NY's Hotel Commodore April 23, 24 and 25!! You're anywhere in the Western Hemisphere at that time, you're just gotta join us, hear?

ITEM! We're giving you advanced warning on this one, playmate, 'cause we want you to make sure that absolutely no one misses the ever-lovin' events occurring in THE INCREDIBLE HULK #200. That's right, Wild One—old Jade-Jaw's bicentennial issue features more guest stars than you can shake a gamma-radiated fist at. Art by Our Pal SAL BUSCEMA and Jolly JOE STATON, of course. Who can ask for anything more? And speaking of our jolly green giant, wait'll you see a couple of sensational special issues we've got planned for you, with surprise guest artists such as Ashful BERNI WRIGHTSON and Judo JIM STARLIN doing their thing with Lively LEN WEIN.

ITEM! If you've been wondering why you've been seeing less of Garrulous GIL KANE's cowering covers these past few months, well, we've been waiting to let the reasons burst free. Y'see, Ol' "Sugar" Kane's been dying to get back to drawing insides again, and he's just finished not one, but two new stories. First is this year's sensational SPIDER-MAN annual—a fist-lighting free-for-all with Spidey's newest foe, the fearsome Fly—and the second story's Gil's premiere appearance as the brand new artist on THE IN-HUMANS, written by Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH. And right after finishing his saga of Black Bolt's brothers and sisters, Gil takes over the reigns of "Sons Of The Tiger" in our bombastic black-and-white blockbuster mag THE DEADLY HANDS OF KUNG FU! So you'll be seeing quite a bit of raising Kane art in the months to come. And if you're wondering what GEORGE "Pace-Setter" PEREZ will be doing now that he's left the aforementioned mags, well, take a peek at the "World's Greatest Comic Mag," namely THE FANTASTIC FOUR, and see who its newest artist sensation is. Just one guess, Faithful One! And, once again, if you're wondering what Riotous RICH BUCKLER is working on now that he's left the F.F., well, besides taking over the scripting chores for his cybernetic brain-child, DEATHLOK, Rich will be doing a special fill-in for our armored Avenger, IRON MAN, and another fill-in for Marvel's newest super-sensation, BLACK GOLIATH. And, besides all that, Rich returns to one of his all-time favorites, again teaming up with Dandy DON MCGREGOR to co-produce THE BLACK PANTHER! Whew!

ITEM! And speaking of our rapturous annuals, the first two of our all-new 52-page, giant-sized mags will be arriving at your newsstands this month, and we just have to tell ya that we're as excited about these bonus babies as you are. In our IRON MAN annual, everyone's favorite golden Avenger meets everyone's favorite swamp-creature, the macabre MAN-THING, and the two of them will be taking on a brand-new Molecule Man—only this M.M. has a big difference. Take a peek and see for yourself what lies behind the covers of this STEVE GERBER/SAL BUSCEMA treat. And, at the same time, our fighting heroes from World War Two, the ever-lovin' INVADERS, will be making

a guest appearance as they team up with a far-out quartet of super-heroes otherwise known as the FANTASTIC FOUR in the F.F.'s own annual. This one's by Rascally ROY THOMAS and Big JOHN BUSCEMA. You won't want to miss either of these books, compadre. After all, they were written and illustrated just for you!

ITEM! If you take a look at what's been comin' on in Marvel's way-out mystery mags, you might just be surprised! Both THE TOMB OF DRACULA and WERE-WOLF BY NIGHT are in the midst of some earth-shattering changes which we know no true Marvelite will want to miss. Frinstance, not only does the Lord of Vampires meet his future wife in this month's mag (and marry her next month—talk about short engagements), but we can guarantee you that a satanic sibling will soon be making its appearance there. And if you think that's a leaser for things to come, you better believe it. Meanwhile, in our shaggy friend's own book, there will be some startling changes in the Werewolf and his relationship with Jack Russell, plus the extra-special appearance of Brother Voodoo. We can't give away too much about what's happenin' in Wolfie's life, but we're betting everyone will dig it.

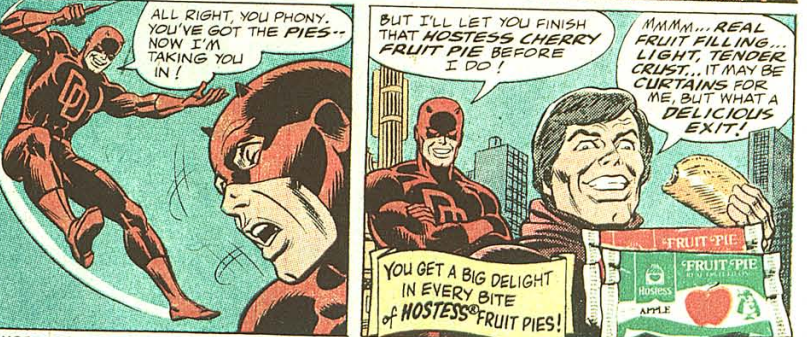
ITEM! You've probably been wondering what those little boxes in the left-hand corner of all our mags on sale this month are. Well, never let it be said that Marvel doesn't tell it all to our rapturous readers. The box is called "The Universal Product Code" (U.P.C. for short), and this has been put on everything from comics to matchboxes, in order to sell the product in all stores. For instance, you've probably already seen this on all other comics, and now Marvel has it, too. And just in case you're wondering, the computer code has to be placed exactly where it is, and can't be moved either to the back cover or inside the book. Truth to tell, folks, if you've been having trouble finding issues of Mighty Marvels this past year, this new code should actually help eliminate some of the problems. It may take time to work a few bugs out of the system, but, in the long run, it's gonna make sure that you'll see your Marvel's everywhere, which means your favorite titles will have a better chance of reaching you than ever before.

ITEM! All fans of our fine-feathered fowl, HOWARD THE DUCK, take notice, 'cause you're in for a special treat during these next few months. Hot on the tail of Big JOHN BUSCEMA's rendering of the Duck's third issue, Gentleman GENE COLAN will be putting his titanic talents to pencilling issue four, and after Gene, the previously mentioned BERNI WRIGHTSON will be taking over as Howard's permanent penciller. Not too bad for a duck, it?

ITEM! This item is just a sneaky way of telling you that next month, JACK "Kiki" KIRBY's newest earth-shaker will be hitting the stands. And we'll give you the full low-down on our newest hit in our next Bulletin. Till then, peace and love.

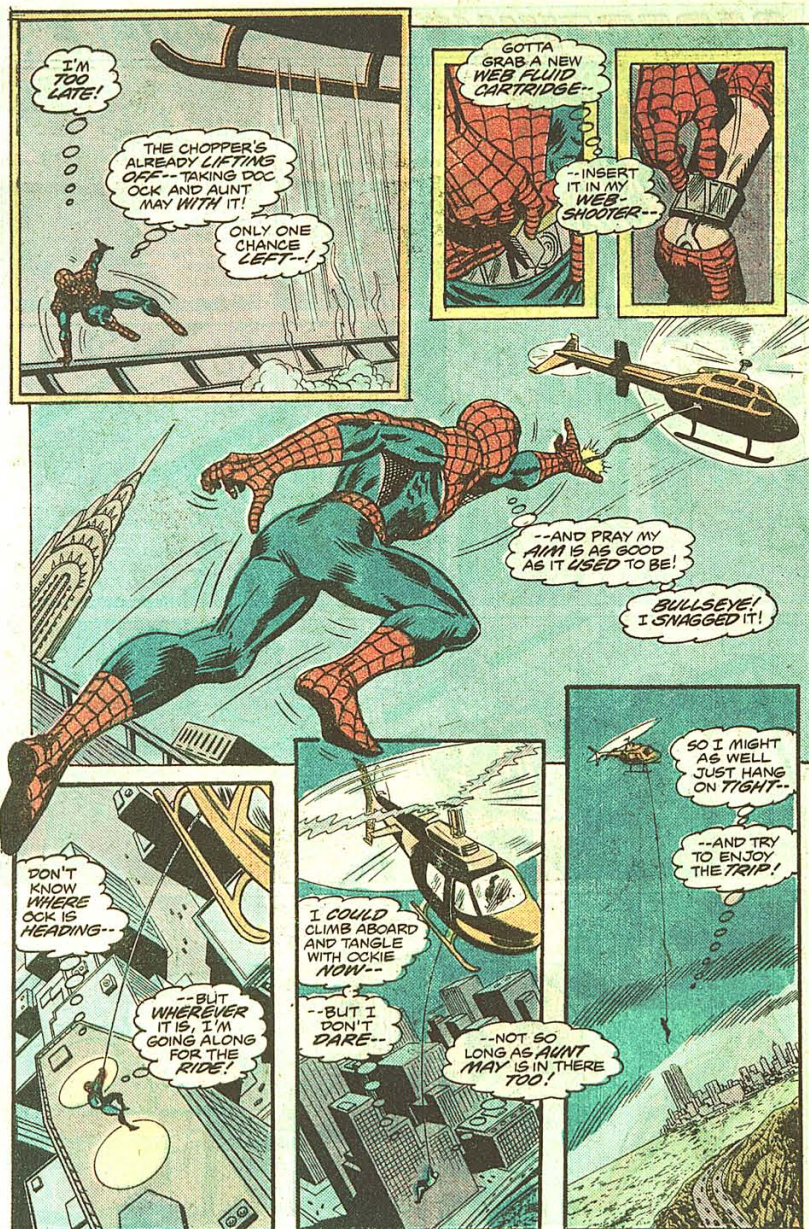
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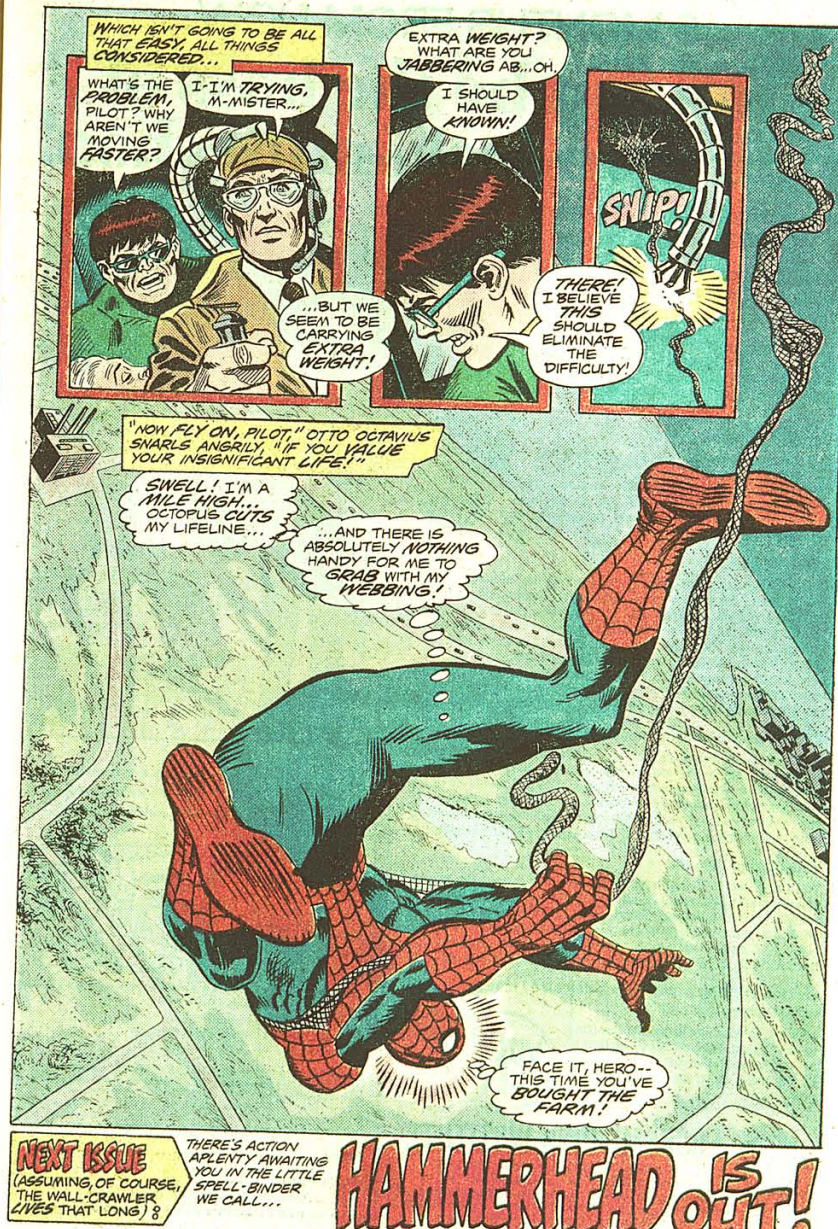


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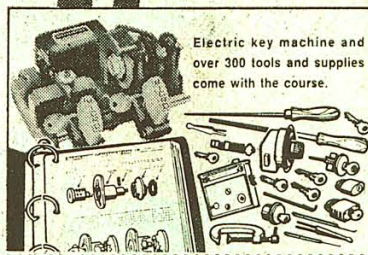
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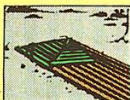
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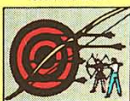
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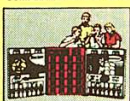
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